

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
Council Chambers, Audrey Beck Municipal Building

Minutes

Present: P. Barry, M. Daniels, M. Hart, J. Hintz, R. Orr, E. Paterson, C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt

Staff: C. van Zelm (*MDP*); M. Capriola (*Town*)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm. New member Michael Daniels (USG External Affairs) was welcomed.

2. March 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Simpson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Paulhus. The minutes were approved as presented with no objections or abstentions.

3. Spring Weekend

Hart, Hintz, and Saddlemire provided an update. On and off campus plans and restrictions were reviewed. Many apartment complex landlords have committed to imposing guest limitations and parking restrictions.

4. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided an apartment and commercial leasing update. 14 commercial leases have been signed, 3 commercial leases are in negotiations, and only 1 commercial space is left. Select Physical Therapy and Storrs Automotive will move into their new commercial space at the end of April. 95% of the apartments have been leased; the apartments are expected to be fully leased by the end of the week. A Storrs Road/Dog Lane/parking garage construction update was also provided. Wendt announced that he has been working with van zelm and Lon Hultgren to bring University bus routes to Storrs Center. 3 new bus routes will serve Storrs Center in the fall, including bus service from North Garage to the Storrs Garage.

b. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership*: Silander and Hintz provided a report of MCCP spring door-to-door visits.

c. *UConn Hazardous Materials Facility*: Orr raised a point of clarification that the EIE will be conducted by independent consultants hired by the University. The RFP process is anticipated to begin soon. An advisory committee will be formed and will include some town/community participants.

d. *UConn/Town Water Supply EIE*: Hart provided an update on the water supply EIE. A draft EIE is expected in April. 8-9 groundwater options and 2 connection options are

being reviewed. Some initial testing has begun in the Mansfield Hollow area and Eagleville Preserve area.

5. Off-Campus Parties and Related Activity

Carriage House and Cedar Ridge apartment complexes have recently been sold. The new owners have met with staff and indicated an interest in being a good neighbor, improving management of the properties, and improving infrastructure at the properties.

6. Other Business/Announcements

Dennis Pierce and UConn Dining Services are being recognized by the local Chamber of Commerce on April 24th for their service to the community during Storms Irene and Alfred and other times of need.

Rich Miller and Virginia Walton were commended for their efforts in coordinating the recent week-long series of sustainability events.

7. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None.

8. Adjournment

Paulhus made the motion, seconded by Hintz, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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